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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PESHAWAR 1853

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TAGS: PREF, SOCI, PK, AF
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S TRIBAL AREAS: AN EXAMPLE OF REVENGE

1. PESHAWAR HAS RECENTLY BEEN REPORTING ON THE TRIBAL AREAS OF PAKISTAN. AND LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THIS PAST WEEK AN EXAMPLE OF REVENGE (BADAL) WHICH IS WORTH NOTING BOTH BECAUSE IT INVOLVES AFGHAN REFUGEES AND BECAUSE IT ILLUSTRATES THE CONCEPT AS IT IS PRACTICED IN THE TRIBAL AREAS ALONG THE BORDER WITH AFGHANISTAN.

2. ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 30, A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN PERSONS DIES IN THE VILLAGE OF ZARA MELA, IN THE UN-ADMINISTERED ("TRIBAL TERRITORY") AREA OF KURRAM AGENCY. THE KILLINGS RESULTED FROM A LONG-STANDING DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO GROUPS OF PAKISTANI TRIBESMEN IN THE AGENCY, PRINCIPALLY OVER A BROKEN ENGAGEMENT. ONE OF THE GROUPS HIRED EIGHT AFGHAN REFUGEES TO ASSASSINATE MEMBERS OF THE OTHER GROUP.

3. THE ASSASSINS FOUND THEIR TARGERS IN THE VILLAGE MOSQUE AT THE TIME OF EVENING PRAYERS. THEY ATTACKED WITH KALASHNIKOVS, KILLING SIX (FOUR OF WHOM WERE BROTHERS) AND INJURING TWO MORE. ONE AFGHAN WAS KILLED IN THE INCIDENT WHEN ONE OF THE TARGETS TURNED HIS WEAPON ON THE ATTACKERS. ONE ADDITIONAL AFGHAN WAS CAPTURED BY THE VILLAGERS, AND SIX MORE ESCAPED.

4. THE CAPTURED ASSASSIN PROVIDED THE VILLAGE WITH INFORMATION ON THE ATTACKERS WHO ESCAPED. HE NAMED TWO LOCAL PERSONS AS THE INSTIGATORS OF THE ATTACK, AS WELL AS THE REMAINING SIX REFUGEES FROM THE WASATEEN CAMP NEAR TERI MANGAL. THE ELDERS OF THE MOSOZAI TRIBE HELD A JIRGA WHICH DECIDED TO TAKE BADAL.

5. THE JIRGA FINED THE LOCAL INSTIGATORS RS.300,000 EACH AND BURNED FIFTY (50) HOUSES BELONGING TO ASSOCIATES OF THE GROUP. THEY THEN SENT A DELEGATION TO THE REFUGEE CAMP, WHICH DEMANDED THAT THE SIX REFUGEES BE HANDED OVER TO THE JIRGA. THE CULPRITS WERE GIVEN UP, BROUGHT BACK TO THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT, AND PUT TO DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD. CEREMONIAL FIRING INTO THE AIR CELEBRATED THE CONCLUSION OF THE INCIDENT, IN WHICH THE PATHAN CODE OF HONOR WAS FULLY SATISFIED.

6. COMMENT: WHILE THE INCIDENT AND ITS RESOLUTION WAS SEEN BRUTAL AND REPUGNANT TO OUTSIDE EYES, LOCAL TRADITION -- PUKHTUNWALI, OR THE CODE OF THE PATHANS -- DEMANDED THIS BEAMS. SINCE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN TRIBAL TERRITORY, IT WAS OUTSIDE THE KEN OF THE PAKISTANI JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND BEYOND THE NOTICE OF THE POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES. END COMMENT.
7. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. EASTHAM BT

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